

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
19460

In Re Application Of: Christopher Milton Mathew Franco, et al.

Application No. 10/563,637	Filing Date June 12, 2006	Examiner Thane E. Underdahl	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 1651	Confirmation No. 4137
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Invention: **A METHOD AND AGENTS FOR IMPROVING PLANT PRODUCTIVITY INVOLVING ENDOPHYTIC ACTINOMYCETES AND METABOLITES THEREOF**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 6, 2008 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: April 6, 2008      until: September 6, 2008 (Saturday)  
*Date*      *Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is \$1,115 and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP  
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP  
 Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

  
*Signature*

Dated: September 8, 2008

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